

Nature Center Activities

Turkey Run State Park

Thursday, January 1

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – Come to the nature center to help stock the wildlife observation area with seed and suet, and then watch through large windows as birds and squirrels and occasional hawks and foxes eat and interact.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Enjoy a free 40-minute presentation in the nature center planetarium. Hear star legends, learn how to find constellations, and find out which planets and meteor showers are gracing the clear winter skies.

***3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Meet at the Home for a 1-hour tour of this restored 1841 brick mansion. Cellar doors open at 2:45pm. Home not accessible.

Friday, January 2

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Saturday, January 3

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

11am Owls & Their Voices – Meet 3 common Indiana owls and learn how to imitate their calls. Find out how owls survive and raise young in January! 40 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

***3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous. Last Home tour of the season. Cellar door open at 2:45pm.

***Healthy Parks – Healthy People:** Get “INShape” with us, or discover how to keep a state park healthy.

Sunday, January 4

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

***11am Eagle Adventure** – Parke County has the largest concentration of over-wintering bald eagles in the state! Meet at the nature center for a 1-hour moderate hike to look for eagles and other birds of winter. Wear warm boots and clothing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Mon, Thurs & Fri, January 5 & 8-9

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Tues & Wed, January 6-7

Nature Center CLOSED

Saturday, January 10

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

***10:30am The Beauty of Turkey Run** – Meet in front of the nature center for a 1.5-hour rugged hike to look for bald eagles and breathtaking winter scenes.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

***3pm Winter Tracks** – Most wildlife are active while we’re sleeping, but their tracks tell us the secrets of their nighttime activities. Join a naturalist for a 1-hour tracks discovery hike & plaster tracks workshop. Nature Center.

Children ages 13 and under must be with an adult at programs and while visiting the nature center



Sunday, January 11

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous

***3-4:30pm TIN CANDLE Lanterns** – Stop by the nature center to create an attractive, wind-proof candle lantern. Bring a hammer if you have one. Earplugs and all materials provided. FREE!

Monday, January 12

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Tuesday & Wednesday, January 13-14

Nature Center CLOSED

Thursday, January 15

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

7pm Meet The Friends – Stop in to meet our volunteer support group, The Friends of Turkey Run & Shades State Parks, and enjoy an interesting program followed by the monthly business meeting. If you’ve considered becoming a park volunteer, this is a great way to see what this group is doing for the parks, and to meet some new, like-minded friends. Turkey Run Inn Dogwood Room (basement).

Friday, January 16

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Saturday, January 17

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

***10:30am Winter Bird Hike** – Meet at the nature center for a 1-hour moderate hike to find bird nests and holes, and to look for the winter birds braving this cold winter. Guaranteed fun for all ages!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

3-4:30pm Sock Snowmen – Stop by the nature center to make a plump snowman that will warm your heart & cheer up your home. Appropriate for adults or children. \$1 each. Allow 20-30 min.

Hoosier Quest Program

Earn pins, kerchiefs, patches & more!

Sign up at the Nature Center

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2pm Planetarium Star Show – Enjoy a free 40-minute program in the nature center planetarium. Discover star legends, constellations and current planets and meteor showers.

3-4pm Fire Starting – Come try your hand at ancient methods of starting fires: bow and drill, friction board, and flint and steel. Nature Center.

Mon, Thurs & Fri, January 19 & 22-23

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Tues & Wed, January 20-21

Nature Center CLOSED

Saturday, January 24

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

***11am Where Do They Go?** – The outdoors in summer is filled with the sights and sounds of wild animals. Where are all of them now? Don't miss this chance to explore our natural world with a naturalist. 1-hour moderate hike. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

3-4:30pm TIN CANDle Lanterns – Stop by the nature center to create an attractive, wind-proof candle lantern. Bring a hammer if you have one. Earplugs and all materials provided. FREE!

Sunday, January 25

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See

3-4:30pm Winter Weaving Workshop – Come to the nature center to get started on a weaving project using a modern version of an ancient Native American technique. Some projects require a small fee. Appropriate for adults, plus children ages 10+.

Mon, Thurs & Fri, January 26 & 29-30

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Tuesday & Wednesday, January 27-28

Nature Center CLOSED

Saturday, January 31

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

***10:30am The Beauty of Turkey Run** – Meet in front of the nature center for a 1.5-hour rugged hike to look for bald eagles and breathtaking winter scenes.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

3-4pm Nature Notebooks – Stop by the nature center to make a journal, & then use it to record your discoveries while hiking or exploring your backyard.

Hoosier Quest Program

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*Healthy Parks – Healthy People: Get "INShape" with us, or discover how to keep a state park healthy.

Sunday, February 1

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***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

3-4:30pm The Roving Groundhog – Will the Groundhog see its shadow? Find the naturalist roaming around, 1st at the Inn and then at the nature center, to meet this famous foreteller of an early spring.

Monday, February 2

Groundhog Day!

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***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

10am-4:30pm The Roving Groundhog – Find the naturalist in the nature center to meet this famous foreteller of an early spring.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

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For other interpretive programs, visit

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm>

Coming in February...

Eagles In Flight Weekend

February 6-8, 2009

Turkey Run State Park

& Raccoon State Recreation Area

Friday, February 6

3-10pm Registration – Turkey Run Inn LOBBY

8-9:30pm Live Owls: Their Haunts & Habits – Turkey Run Inn LUSK ROOM

Saturday, February 7

6am-1pm Registration

6-8am Eagle ROOST Road Trip

9-10:15 am & 10:45-12pm - Concurrent Sessions:

Live Raptor Show

Indiana Raptor Restoration Program

Indiana Birding Hotspots

Bird Banding: Why & How

1:30-5pm Eagle NEST Road Trip

6:30-9pm Poster Session/Resource Fair

9pm-?? Evening Social (bring an instrument)

Sunday, February 8

10am Help Feed The Birds @ The Nature Center

2pm Planetarium Star Show

Fee \$10 adults, \$5 children, 3 & under free

Rooms available @ Turkey Run Inn:

1-877-500-6151 event code 0206EW

Meals on your own (the Inn has a full service restaurant)